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In re Application of:

Hideki IWAKI et al.

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Sir:

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Document AL is discussed on page 2 of the captioned application.

CONCLUSION

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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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